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Board of Supervisors, Third District
County of San Mateo

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Keith Wallace
California Department of Water Resources
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Financial Assistance Branch
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Dear Mr. Wallace,

I write to you in support of the Department of Water Resources' (DWR) recommendation to fully fund the San Francisco Bay Area's Integrated Regional Water Management Plan Proposition 84 application. In doing so, DWR has recommended full funding for the Pescadero Water Supply and Sustainability Project. County Service Area 11 (CSA11) is the community water system that serves Pescadero, a small rural farming community 14 miles south of Half Moon Bay. With these funds, CSA11, a Disadvantaged Community (DAC), will be able to conduct the necessary infrastructure projects to reliably provide potable water to the community. The \$700,000 applied for, and recommended for approval in the Draft Funding Recommendations for the Proposition 84 Round 2 Implementation Grant, will be used to construct a new well, 140,000 gallon water tank, and initiate a water conservation program.

In August 2011, CSA11's well stopped pumping and supplying potable water to the community. For the next two days, the community had to use bottled water while the system was being fixed. Through a well sounding, it was determined that the water level in the aquifer had dropped and was below the well screen which prevented the well from extracting water. As the County was able to lower the well screen and extend the life of the well by roughly 3 to 5 years, the only way to provide potable water to this rural community on a long-term basis is through the Pescadero Water Supply and Sustainability Project. The Proposition 84 funds applied for, and recommended for approval, will do exactly that.



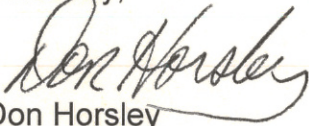
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Through the process established by the U.S. Department of Agriculture and used by DWR, CSA11 was able to demonstrate the community's very low median household income level. As a rural agricultural community, CSA11 is primarily comprised of agricultural workers. The additional financial burden of providing the Proposition 84 local match is not sustainable for this disadvantaged community. For this reason, I urge DWR to waive the local match for CSA11, the only DAC in the San Francisco Bay Area applying for funds.

As proposed in the Draft Funding Recommendations for the Proposition 84 Round 2 Implementation Grant, I support full funding for the Pescadero Water Supply and Sustainability Project. I also encourage DWR to waive the local match for CSA11, the only DAC in the region. I am available to answer any questions and thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Don Horsley", written over a horizontal line.

Don Horsley
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